

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 15th November 2009**

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## **Donation to the Society**

The Society has recently received a very generous donation from one of our members John EI6IJ. For health reasons, John has been forced to cease driving and has presented the Society with his 08 Kia Rio hatchback automatic. The car has been converted for disabled use and professionally fitted out with a Fox Tango 857 rig.

The IRTS committee at it's recent meeting passed a sincere vote of thanks to John and a sub group has been appointed to manage the practicalities. It is intended that the proceeds from the sale of the car would be ring fenced in a fund that would be used to assist members who for reasons of changed circumstances such as ill health or change of accommodation are finding it difficult to practice and enjoy their hobby.

The fund would also support the promotion of Amateur Radio in schools and other youth organisations. Once again our sincere thanks to John EI6IJ for his gift to the Society.

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## **IRTS Radio News via ATV**

In an effort to increase interest in amateur television in the southeast SEARG intends to read the Tuesday evening news on EI8WDT (input freq 1249) which is the ATV repeater as well as through SERN (south eastern repeater network) on Tuesday the 17th of November all going well.

Jim EI8IG is the ATV repeater keeper on Helvic Head and has been the main driving force behind amateur TV in this area for the past 12 years or more, if interest is strong enough this exercise might take place on a more regular basis.

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## **Galway VHF Group 24 hour Radio Operation from RNLI**

### **Stations**

Using the callsign EJ 185 RNLI, This weekend the 14th and 15th of November will see an operation from the Aran Island Lifeboat station at Kilronan, Inishmore.

The final operation will take place from Clifden Lifeboat Station, Ballyconneely, over the weekend of the 28th and 29th of November. The callsign will be EI 185 RNLI

All operation will take place on the HF bands with two stations in operation at all times. There will be operation on Phone and Digital Modes with some operation on SSTV also possible. There will be a special QSL card for all contacts made and SWL reports will also be welcomed. Varying types of antenna construction will be used including a Kite antenna for the LF bands.

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## **CASHOTA Northern Ireland**

Cashota-NI (castles and stately homes on air), have launched a new website for Northern Ireland.

All information and details of historical sites and how to activate them can be found there, including activation forms for those amateurs that wish to have a go gaining the award.

Information can also be obtained from The Northern Ireland Representative, Bobby 2iOull on 07747019438.

The website is located at [www.cashota-ni.org](http://www.cashota-ni.org)

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## **New secondary allocations for Norwegian radio amateurs**

As of November 6th 2009 the updated amateur radio licensing regulations in Norway went into force. The main news are the following new allocations made available to all Norwegian radio amateurs (in addition to the 135,7 - 137,8 kHz and the 7,1 - 7,2 MHz bands):

LF:493 - 510 kHz on secondary basis, 100 W, A1A (CW) only.

HF: 5260 - 5410 kHz on secondary basis, all modes (6 kHz max bandwidth) 24740-24890 kHz on secondary basis, 1kW (6 kHz max bandwidth)

VHF 70,0625-70,0875 MHz on secondary basis, 100 W, max bandwidth 16 kHz

70,1375-70,1875 MHz on secondary basis, 100 W, max bandwidth 16 kHz

70,2625-70,3125 MHz on secondary basis, 100 W, max bandwidth 16 kHz

70,3625-70,3875 MHz on secondary basis, 100 W, max bandwidth 16 kHz

70,4125-70,4625 MHz on secondary basis, 100 W, max bandwidth 16 kHz

plus some minor adjustments at SHF and EHF.

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### **Kells Radio Club Visit to CARA**

Ronnie McGrane EI9ED and Kells Radio Club Chairman John Fitzgerald EI9HW with PJ Reilly EI8IP had a visit to the recent Crossakiel Amateur Radio Association meeting.

Ronnie gave an introductory talk on his role as a member of the repeater management group, with an insight into some of his on going work and future projects. Notably his Green Repeaters and some of his ATV Projects. More info on these to follow when available.

CARA Meet every Wednesday at 20.30pm in the Welcome Wagon in Crossakiel, all are welcome to attend.

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### **Ghana operation**

A team of Italian amateur radio operators will be active from Busua Beach between November 13-27th.

The group will also activate Abokwa Island (AF-084), during their stay, with one station on 20 meters only.

The time of operation on the island will be planned day by day, pending the sea condition and weather forecast.

Activity will be on all HF bands and modes, 80-10 meters. The callsign 9G5TT will be used from the mainland while the callsign 9G5XX will be used from Abokwa Island.

QSL via I2YSB, direct only.

More information can be found at: [www.i2ysb.com](http://www.i2ysb.com)

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### **Rejection of C91VM QSL IOTA activities**

For those wishing to claim credit for October 2009 contacts with C91VM (AF-061, AF-066, AF-088), please be aware that, in response to the operator's current published QSL policy, these three operations will not be accepted for IOTA accreditation.

Clarification is awaited from the operator that a policy change will be made immediately to the effect that payment of USD 5 is not obligatory and that cards sent direct with sufficient return postage will be answered direct in a timely fashion.

A prompt amendment to the policy notice on QRZ.com is therefore required if accreditation is to be reconsidered.

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## **Rallies / Events**

Dxpedition and IOTA Talk by Declan Craig EI6FR

The Mayo Club has organised Declan Craig EI6FR to give a talk the evening before the Mayo Radio Rally, Saturday 21st November.

Sunday 22nd November 2009 Mayo Radio Rally Venue: Welcome Inn, Castlebar, Co. Mayo

The rally organiser and main contact is Padraic Baynes EI9JA mobile 087 - 695 7154 or email pbaynes1 at eircom dot net Special Accommodation Rates are also available please check the full details on the [www.ei7mre.org](http://www.ei7mre.org) website

For more information on Rallies please check the IRTS website.

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## **This week in History**

1818 Australia's first lighthouse, South Head, Sydney. 1888 Tamworth, NSW, first town in Southern Hemisphere to be lit by electricity. 1897 Marconi transmits ship to shore 18 miles. 1899 First US radio company incorporated in Prescott, Arizona.

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Items mentioned in the IRTS Radio news are of a general, educational or informative nature, there is no guarantee that stations mentioned can be heard or worked

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be

forwarded to Charlie EI8JB, preferably via e-mail to “charlie dot Carolan at gmail dot com” Or by phone to 087-6265418 News can also be submitted via e-mail to

“newsteam at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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